more important of these related to the establishment of Internal Safety Organisation, measures to combat underground fires and subsidence. 41 recommendations have already been *fully* implemented. Others are under various stages of implementation. These mostly relate to mechanisation at coal faces, introduction of hydraulic mining, replacement of basket loading by conveyors, mechanised loading at coal faces, and revemping of rescue stations. The implementation is regularly monitored by the Government through the Standing Committee on Safety in Coal Mines presided over by the Minister of Energy.

Notice on DPEA to PCI Group of Companies

3289. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of notices on Drug Prices Equalisation Account which have been issued to PCI group of companies and when were these notices issued;

(b) whether it is a fact that this company has failed to furnish the details although it is the second largest user of Gentamycin; and

(c) what steps have been taken to get the details from the company and by when the details would be obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS, AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Notices issude to the PCI group of companies from time to time relate to bulk drugs Gentamycin, Doxycycline ,Ethambutol, Rifampicin, Ampicillin and Amoxycillin. The required details are still awaited from the company.

(c) Action as per due process of law is being taken.

Promotion Policy in IDPL

3290. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the promotion policy in the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited;

(b) whether it is a fact that the management of IDPL is contemplating giving promotion to one of its Regional Managers while superseding the others;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(d) if not, what are the criteria for giving promotion to the officers of the Marketing Division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) The question relates to day to day administration of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited.

Manufacture of gas turbine by BHEL

3291. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited have acquired the capacity for manufacturing gas turbines;

(b) if not, what is the total number of gas turbines that have been imported; and

(c) whether it is a fact that foreign exchange component of BHEL equipment is $ 1.3 million higher than the offered price of a complete plant of Mitsubishi?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) BHEL have got the capability for manufacture of gas turbines upto 37.4 MW (ISO) in specific frame sizes.

(e) The reference appears to be to HEL's offer for the supply of gas rbines for Lakwa Project of Assam tate Electricity Board. BHEL had fered to supply either 3x20 MW or 30 MW gas turbines to meet the quirements of 60 MW. The foreign change content in both these alter-tive offers was much lower in com-arison with that of Mitsubishi of apan.

औषधियों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

3292. **श्री शरद यादव : क्या उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल ही में निम्नलिखित मूलभूत औषधियों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि की है :

(i) सल्फाडाइमिडीन,

(ii) विटामिन बी—1,

(iii) सल्फाग्वानिडीन,

(iv) विटामिन बी–2; और

(ख) इनके बढ़े हुये मूल्य क्या है और मूल्यों में वृद्धि किस आधार पर की गई है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में रसायन और पेट्रो-रसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० के० जयचन्द्र सिंह) : (क) ऐसी कोई भी अधिसूचना जारी नहीं की गई है।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Use of Plastic in Agriculture

3293. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from the National Committee on use of plastic in the agricultural Sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard.

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The National Committee on Use of Plastics in Agriculture (NCPA) submitted the following four reports:—

(i) First report indicating the status of plasticulture.

(ii) Report on the setting up of 22 Plasticulture Development Centres in different parts of the country.

(iii) Report on Fruit and Vegetable packaging

(iv) Fourth Report dealing in depth with plasticulture development applications identifying the areas of development for use of plastics in agriculture.

The NCPA has identified some of the major uses of plastics in agriculture as indicated below:—

(1) Canal lining

(2) drip irrigation

(3) Substitution of the wooden crates by plastic crates for fruit packaging

(4) promotion of plastic pipes for irrigation system; and

(5) promotion of green houses for the cultivation of high value crops.

Amount of liquidated damages payable to NLC

3294. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 979 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the West German supplier has not yet settled the amount of liquidated damages put forward by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, Neyveli;

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of non-payment of its dues to NLC, the Corporation has been regularly advancing money for other projects without adjusting